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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Our homeowners association (small 3 unit building) subscribes to Sonic for telephone service for our mandated fire alarm monitoring system. These run on the old fashioned copper lines. We had ATT, but they kept raising the prices every year until we discovered we were able to switch to Sonic. ATT charged about \$240 a month just for two phone lines and Sonic charges \$119 per month and includes DSL service (which we don't use). Service from Sonic is also vastly better than my many experiences with ATT. This example demonstrates clearly, to me, the benefit of competition in the marketplace and the price gouging that large corporations such as ATT will engage in when they feel they have a monopoly.

I strongly encourage the FCC to maintain competition in telecommunications. Please do not weaken the 1996 Telecommunications Act to allow large carriers to squash competition.

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